

Remarks

In the specification, paragraph Nos. 3, 5, 8, 13, 15, 17, 23, 28, 40, 50, 52, 56, 57, and 64 have been rewritten to correct minor editorial problems.

In the specification, paragraph Nos. 1 and 6 have been rewritten to update the status of an application.

In the specification, paragraph No. 60 has been rewritten to correctly describe the ray angle features shown in Fig. 10 and recited in original claims 12-15. No new matter is added.

Claims 1-20 and 27-38 are in the application. Claims 1, 27, and 32 are in independent form. Claims 21-26 are withdrawn in response to the restriction requirement. Claims 31-38 are new. Claims 1, 2, 7, and 17 are currently amended.

The Examiner states that the application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct inventions, claims 1-20 of Group (I) directed to an image projection apparatus and claims 21-30 of Group (II) directed to a method of modifying a direct view LCD panel. The Examiner requires applicants to elect a single group of claims for prosecution on the merits. Applicants respond as follows.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's grouping of "method" claims 21-30 because claims 27-30 are a separate group of apparatus claims that conform more closely to Group (I) than to Group (II). Accordingly, Applicants submit that Group (I) should include claims 1-20 and 27-30, and Group (II) should include claims 21-26. Moreover, new claims 31-38 are directed to an image projector apparatus, which applicants submit belong in Group (I).


Applicants elect to prosecute original claims 1-20 and new claims 31-38 of Group (I) and claims 27-30 of Group (II).

Applicants reserve the right to present in a divisional application claims 21-26 of Group (II).

Applicants present claims 1-20 and 27-38 for examination.

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